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APPOINTMENT OF P.V. FEDOTOV (1946)

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Comrade P.V. FEDOTOV[i] has recently been appointed deputy to Comrade BORISOV[ii] and head of our directorate[UPRAVLENIE][iii] in place of EVGEN'EV[iv]. He has chosen for himself the pseudonym[PSEVDONIM][b] "IVANOV".

No. 6159, 13 September

EVGEN'EV

Notes: [a] This isolated LONDON text is now readable:

The known other recipients were ALGIERS, CANBERRA, COPENHAGEN, The HAGUE, HAVANA, MEXICO CITY, NEW YORK, OTTAWA, RIO DE JANEIRO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JUAN, SHANGHAI, STOCKHOLM and WASHINGTON.

[b] "BORISOV" and "EVGEN'EV" are also described in MOSCOW-CANBERRA No. 134 of 27th June 1946 (S/NBP/T149) as the pseudonyms[PSEVDONIM] of V.S. ABAKUMOV and P.N. KUBATKIN respectively. "PSEVDONIM" generally seems to mean "pseudonym" or "alias" rather than "covername". Thus "Comrade" is used before "BORISOV" whereas this form of address would be most unlikely in the case of a covername proper. It is interesting to note that KUBATKIN's predecessor, P.M. FITIN, used the covername "VIKTOR" and not a pseudonym in the form of a surname.

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Comments: [i] P.V. FEDOTOV: Lt. Gen. Petr Vasil'evich FEDOTOV. Occurs as an addressee in STOCKHOLM's No. 1378 of 9th June, 1945 (3/NBF/T926) and No. 1523 of 23rd June, 1945 (3/NBF/T587).

[ii] BORISOV: Pseudonym of Viktor Semenovich ABAKUMOV who was Minister of State Security 1946-1951.

[iii] Our directorate: The First (Foreign Intelligence) Chief Directorate of the MGB.

[iv] EVGEN'EV: Pseudonym of Petr Nikolaevich KUBATKIN who succeeded Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN (VIKTOR) as Head of the First (Foreign Intelligence) Chief Directorate of the MGB in June 1946.